

May 26, 2006

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445 Twelfth Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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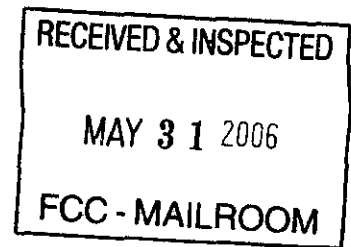
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Pudlowski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. Tom Pudlowski, SR.  
706 Whitewillow Lane  
Manchester, MO 63021

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Terri R Harrison

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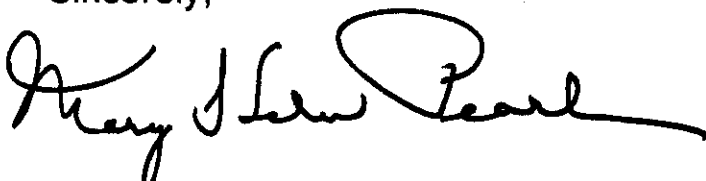
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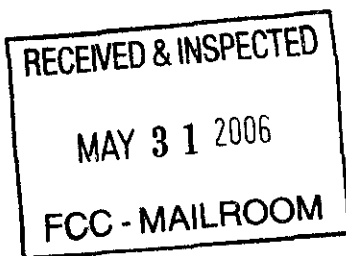
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Mary Helen Pearl



10006 Stedwick Rd. #203  
Gaithersburg, MD 20886-3719  
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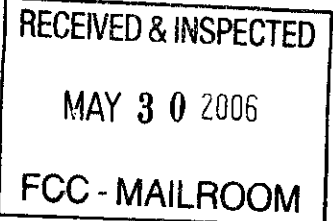
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Sincerely,

  
Glenna Garner

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Thursday May, 25 2006

Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps and Tate:

**RE: Cut rate for the VRS.**

Here is the links for you to look at:

[http://www.vrsca.org/chapter\\_issues.php](http://www.vrsca.org/chapter_issues.php)  
[News@Sorenson.com](mailto:News@Sorenson.com) [reply-192@enews.sorenson.com](mailto:reply-192@enews.sorenson.com)

I am a fledge Deaf-Mute & Dumb! Also Vision Impairment. I want to express my disagreements with those puppet masters from those organizations that are pep-rally toward deaf community to oppose such rate cuts toward Video Relay Service (VRS) that would ultimately affect their "comfortable" lifestyle, not base on service excuses! Moreover VRS have had lured more interpreters to work with VRS as they have left from any Interpreter Agencies because of generous pay reasons. That resulting the more struggles toward deaf communities' rights to wish to have an, physically, interpreter with them whenever they seem the need of privacy at comfortable level to communicate with.

The more VRS in demand = The more struggles on rise as confusion of comprehend of deaf people's needs arises and the concern of money savings that benefits such as hospitals, doctors, and etc are putting us in a shit list by sending wrong idea to "force" deaf people to communicate thru VRS instead of hiring an interpreter, Physically! This shows non-sensitivity respecting toward deaf people's preference to have an interpreter with them! Especially for deaf people who are undereducated or with other dual handicaps that would need an, physically, interpreter with them!

Please take a hard look at some certain of VRS that employs some interpreters that are paying as much \$90,000+ a year! Part time! While some of them keep their full time job with interpreter agencies! I do not feel that is within our obligation to pay interpreter's generous salary to cover the lodging, meals, and their travel costs to work with VRS while their home is 100 miles away!!! If they want that job then quit their full time interpreter agency, sell house, and relocate to where VRS source is! When interpreter quit their interpreter job to work with VRS have found some regrets and then came back working with their old job as long they are luck to be accepted back. Why? That is because working at VRS is more of interpreter-production than what they have been working as an interpreter that runs on a call to interpreter as this job is more less stress than VRS. Moreover VRS job is somewhat eye fatigue working environment. So interpreter Agencies are using VRS's pay scale as an excuse to warrant the need of rate

increase which Interpreter Agencies have to jack up the rate cost and even establish mileage cost which result more unwilling to hire interpreter from such as doctors and etc! \$90,000+ a year from VRS compare to \$40,000 (-/+) from Interpreter Agencies. Different work environment to consider such as mass interpreting production v.s. less interpreting production environment.

This fine example is resulting interpreter rate increases toward the communities from the Interpreter Agencies as they have to jack up the rate and establish mileage cost to add the cost which more such as doctors, hospitals, and other places are refusing to accommodate our needs because of explosion rising costs. This is because such Interpreter Agencies are doing everything they can to keep their quality of interpreters within the community as interpreter(s) are threatening to leave their job unless agencies are willing to give pay increase to satisfy their needs.

As there is many places that are trying to cut the cost down and keep it under cost and thanks to VRS for making our life more miscible that is because the struggle cycle needing an interpreter repeats! Also by comparing the salary between interpreters and deaf community is somewhat an morale insulting that is because deaf people have taught many people sign languages which later become an interpreter which are enjoying a comfortable lifestyle while majority of deaf people's lifestyle struggles with low paying from welfare or low paying jobs!

This is like "Interpreters are pumping up toward deaf people's rights so they can enjoy living comfortable lifestyle and careless what in return deaf people are getting!" It is not fair that their greed is now taking tolls on our reasonable accommodation that many of us have fought for so long time to success by not success with continuing accommodations as more places are refusing to provide an, physically, interpreters whenever one request because of the compare cost between VRS and Interpreter Agencies.

I am finding somewhat very difficult to believe that such as Deaf organizations such as National Association for the Deaf (NAD) are supporting such as VRS organization to oppose rate cuts. This make me wonder whether NAD are enjoying generous such as "gift" money from those agencies that are pumping up for opposing rate cuts or want more rate costs?

Please investigate, gather facts, and make a decision that you think is right. On the other hand do not cut us dry. I know you will not do that. But to cut excess waste and stop their greed that is affecting our lifestyle that needs an, physically, interpreters and such as morale issues being involve within the community. Moreover it is not fair that we, the deaf, people have to continue struggle needing for an interpreter because of explosive rate cost being incurred from either of VRS nor Interpreter Agencies to compensate their high level of comfortable lifestyle while many of deaf people are struggling with an ocean of barriers, discimations, Triple harder opportunities, and living in low income range being offer within this society. I have sought for quality of interpreter and needing an interpreter for so long time till few years ago and I quit struggle! That is because of all of issues points toward the cost of interpreter which I do not feel that it is my responsibility

to fight for this issue. Really this stir up the community stink! To struggle needing for an interpreter cycle remains..... I am getting too old for this shit. Somehow I think it is within Interpreter community and the Government to decide what their salary should be! So it is the time for VRS and Interpreter Agencies to become more of manage conservation and cost management base on fact of the society. Not to pity their Greed. Not to use money on other purpose than Interpreter program which money is intend to be toward to interpreter program only! Not for their lodging, meal, mileage to work-home, Airfares, donations, and etc!!!

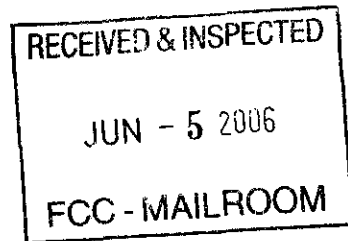
I am all for Cut the VRS Rate!!!

Thank you and Your Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Johnson  
233 Masters Road  
Hixson, TN 37343

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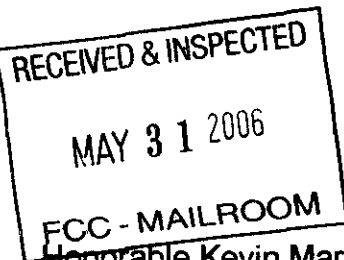
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Denis Tucker

**To:** Kevin.martin@fcc.gov; Jonathan.adelstein@fcc.gov; Michael.Copps@fcc.gov; Deborah.Tate@fcc.gov;  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Increase VRS funding; don't cut it

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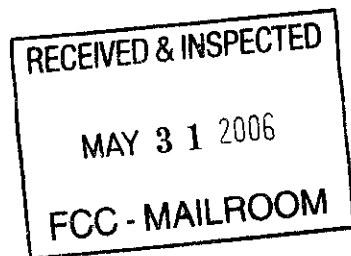
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Thank you,

Bonnie J. Christensen

Steven L. Christensen

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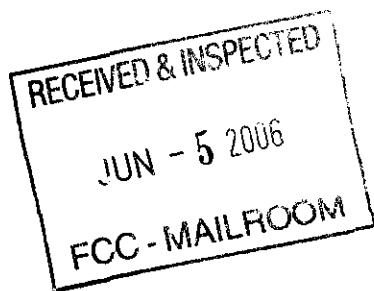
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Donald R. Harmon

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JoAnn Harmon

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James M. and Susie N. Anderson  
5660 Woodstock Court  
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*James M. Anderson 5/28/06*  
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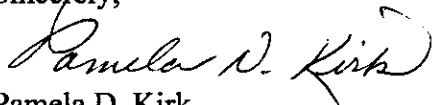
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Pamela D. Kirk

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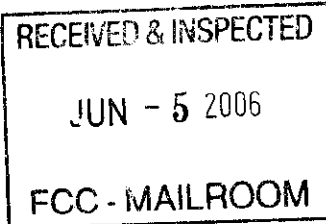
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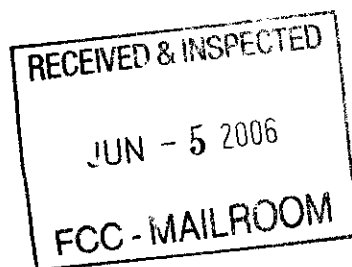
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**Sincerely, —**

*Tina Williams*  
*Charles Williams*

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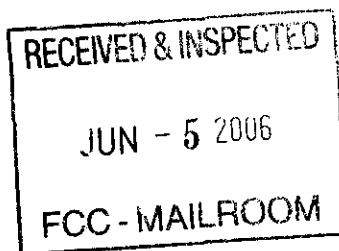
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*Middleton, ID*

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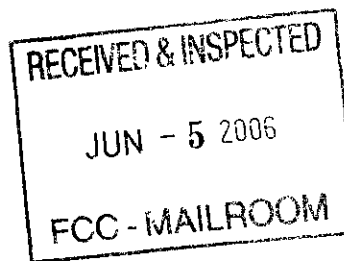
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*Maria Casey, Meridian, Id.*

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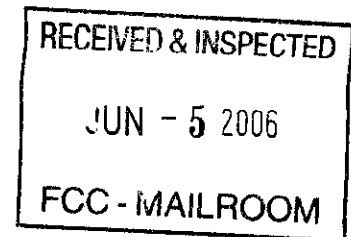
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*Richard Smith*

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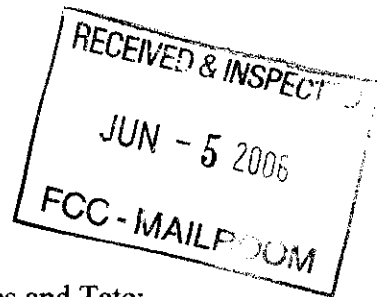
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Janel M. Birrenkott

May 30, 2006

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554



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MARIO GARCIA  
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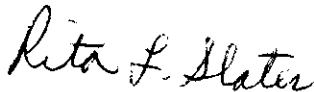
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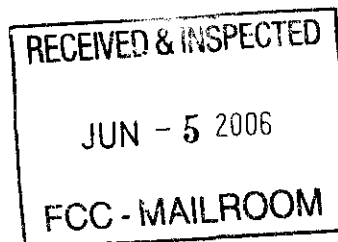
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Rita L. Slater

4203 Hayfield Way  
Prospect, Kentucky 40059  
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Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, and Tate:

I am a hearing person with a deaf niece. I use Video Relay Service to communicate with her.

I am writing to thank you for supporting services that meet the communications needs of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community, and to urge you to increase, rather than cut, the rate for these vital services. My niece, together with many other deaf people, their families and co-workers, depend on VRS and other relay services to communicate with hearing people and other deaf people.

I urge you to do everything you can to continue to make VRS and other relay services available to the many who currently use it, and for those who do not yet know they are available.

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Anne H. Hinds  
Aunt of a deaf person, who depends on you!!

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May 26,

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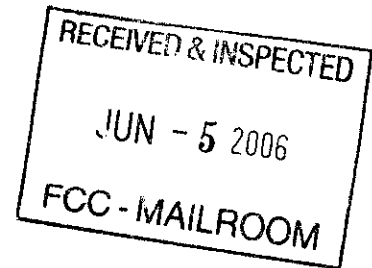
Thank you.

Ron and Shirley Johnson

We love VRS so much. We live  
up north in Minn. We depend on  
VRS for our social life. Please keep  
VRS for all of us.

Thank you again

Ms. Roseann Stockman  
341 Mosely Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10312-4165



May 30, 2006

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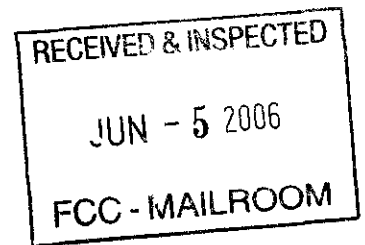
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